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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Helen B. Meyer

Confirmation No.: 5836

Application No.: 09/828,619

Examiner: Maerena W. Brevard

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For: STRAP ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from June 21, 2002 to July 21, 2002) within which to respond to the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 is requested. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicant is entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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